

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit: 3621 Examiner: Pierre E. Elisca

In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

Applicant(s) : Kazuhiko SHIGEMI et al.

Serial No. : 10/050,553 ) PETITION FOR

Filed : January 18, 2002 ) EXTENSION

OF TIME

For : CHARGE COLLECTING SYSTEM AND PROGRAM FOR CONTROLLING THE SAME )

Attorney Ref. : SAT 171 December 27, 2004

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please extend the period for responding to the Office Action of August 25, 2004 by one (1) month, and thus until December 27, 2004.

An extension fee of \$120.00 is being submitted concurrently. Should this remittance be accidentally missing, however, or insufficient in amount, the Commissioner may charge any deficiency to our Deposit Account No. 18-0002.

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